

Appl. No. : 10/741,537
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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2007. By the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103, respectively. The Examiner indicated that Claims 32-41 recited allowable subject matter.

In view of the fact Claims 32-41 are in a condition for allowance, Applicant has canceled Claims 15 and 16 herein in order to expedite issuance of a patent directed to the invention. Applicant reserves the right, however, to prosecute those or other canceled claims directed to the subject-matter claimed in those canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Summary

In view of the above remarks, Applicant asserts that Claims 32-41 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case for issue. If any matters remain outstanding regarding further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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